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FM AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

TO AMEMBASSY TUNIS PRIORITY

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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 4481

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ECON, EINV, CG

SUBJECT: GOZ TAKEOVER OF PHARMACEUTICAL SECTOR

1. GOZ RECENTLY ANNOUNCED INTENTION OF TAKING CONTROL OF ENTIRE PHARMACEUTICAL SECTOR, BOTH IMPORT AND DISTRIBUTION. IT FAIRLY CLEAR THAT MODALITIES AND EXTENT OF REAL GOZ CONTROL TO BE EXERCISED HAVE NOT RPT NOT YET BEEN DEFINED WITHIN GOZ ITSELF.

2. AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES HAVE CONSIDERABLE INTERESTS AT STAKE HERE. EMBASSY IS PLANNING TO DISCUSS WITH RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS OF GOZ, NOW BEFORE IRREVOCABLE COMMITMENT MADE TO SPECIFIC COURSE OF ACTION, NOT ONLY QUESTIONS RAISED BY US COMPANIES AFFECTED BUT ALSO POTENTIAL PROBLEMS TO BE FACED BY GOZ IN IMPLEMENTING SUCH A PROGRAM.

3. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT UNISIA HAS ALREADY UNDERTAKEN SIMILAR PROGRAM IN PHARMACEUTICAL FIELD AND HAS ENCOUNTERED SIGNIFICANT DIFFICULTIES. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY TUNIS PASSING TO US GIST OF MOST PERSISTENT PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED BY GOT. WHILE IT  
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EVIDENT THAT MAJOR EMBASSY GOAL IN DISCUSSIONS WITH

GOZ WILL BE TO DISCOURGAGE ON GROUND OF PRACTICALITY  
AND POTENTIAL DANGER TO LOCAL POPULACE ANY OVERLY  
AMBITIOUS PROGRAM WHICH WOULD INCIDENTALLY BE INJURIOUS  
TO US COMMERICAL INTERESTS, IT ALSO INADVISABLE THAT WE NOT  
STICK OUR HEADS IN THE SAND. THUS, WE ALSO NEED TO  
BE AWARE OF SIGIFICANT SUCCESSES, IF ANY, IN THEIR  
ENDEAVORS.

4. AS EMBASSY/GOZ DIALOGUE BEING INITIATED FORTHWITH,  
EARLIEST POSSIBLE RESPONSE WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.  
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